

**The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be
on
March 3, 2005 in Conference Room B
At the
Powers Administration Building
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

564th Meeting 1:00 p.m.. March 3, 2005

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Appeals**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.**
- 4. Correspondence.**
- 5. Committee Reports**
- 6. Legislation**
- 7. Old Business.**
- 8. New Business.**

9. Adjourn

New Appeals:

05-02 Nowicki Street (continued until 3/3/05)

West Warwick, RI

563rd Meeting February 17, 2005

1. Mr. Howe, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

2. Appeal 05-02, Nowicki Street, West Warwick. Mr. Brown motioned to table application pending the proper procedure to apply for the permit and a determination of the building official if it is acceptable.

Mr. Newbrook seconded motion. All were in favor. Mr. Durand did not participate in the discussion or the decision at the request of the applicant and concurrence by Mr. Durand.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Gagnon. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Correspondence:

a. Driftwood Apartments

Mr. DeDentro read a letter into the record regarding the Driftwood Apartments. The letter is from Property Advisory Group, Inc. and states that a Purchase and Sales Agreement between Driftwood Associates, LP and Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. is imminent. All environmental reports and engineering recommendations will be utilized to address all building deficiencies cited in the violation notice.

b. Gary Stepalavich

Mr. DeDentro said he sent a letter to Mr. Stepalavich on behalf of the Committee congratulating him on becoming a Master Code Professional in the ICC code system.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Electrical Subcommittee

Mr. DeDentro said the Electrical Subcommittee cancelled their last workshop due to inclement weather. Another meeting has been scheduled for Friday, February 25 from 9-12 and he expects to finish up at that time.

6. Legislation:

a. Bill S0257

Mr. DeDentro said this bill would change the time period for substantial improvements on a home from within a twelve-month period to within a six-month period. This would apply specifically to flood resistant construction issues for existing structures. Mr. DeDentro said that Ms. Pogue from RIEMA and Mr. Getz from FEMA are not in favor of this change. They said it might jeopardize the flood insurance program for the state of Rhode Island. They will file a letter expressing their objection to the passage of this bill. Mr. DeDentro said he would personally inform Senator McCaffrey.

b. Bill S0602

Mr. DeDentro said this addition to the bill would require a new category of code officer called a carpentry inspector and have a minimum of five years experience and a valid journey person carpenter's license. The Board members agreed that this change was much too vague and directed that Mr. DeDentro have some input on this. Mr. Durand said he had not seen this bill, would research this and relate committee concerns to the appropriate sponsors.

7. Old Business:

a. Building Code Standards Committee Appointments

Mr. DeDentro reminded the Board members that if anyone is interested in reappointment to the Committee they should file the necessary paperwork with the Governor's Office. Mr. Coffey recommended filing an application on the Internet and also sending a letter to Deborah Smith in the Governor's Office.

b. Expediting the Permit Procedure

Mr. DeDentro said that he has talked to Mr. Coffey regarding a state mechanism to standardize repetitive house plans in order to help in expediting permit procedures at the local level. Mr. Coffey said that a generic plan could be pre-approved by the State Building Commission. After discussion, Mr. DeDentro said he would like to

see a Committee of the four Building Officials to meet on March 3, 2005 to discuss this issue.

c. Annual Report to the General Assembly

Mr. DeDentro said he is required to file an Annual Report, including rules and regulations, to the General Assembly. He has prepared the Annual Report along with two accompanying letters, one to Representative Murphy, Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to Senator Montelbano, President of the Senate, telling them of the activities of this Committee with regards to adoptions of new codes in 2004 and proposed schedule of adoption of regulations over the next year.

d. Workload for the year 2005

Mr. DeDentro said the following are projects planned for the year 2005:

- 1. Electrical Code – 2002**
- 2. Accessibility Codes – 2004**
- 3. New Regulation for Installation of Manufactured Homes**
- 4. Building Code Provisions for Existing School Buildings**
- 5. Public Building Accessibility**
- 6. Minimum Property Maintenance Code**

e. Building Code/Fire Code Coordination

Mr. Coffey said there is a meeting on February 24th regarding the Building/Fire Code Coordination. All future meetings are scheduled to be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

f. Construction Industry Coalition

Mr. DeDentro said the Construction Industry Coalition is having a public meeting on February 24 at the Providence Foundation on 30 West Exchange Street from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

8. New Business:

Mr. DeDentro introduced Ms. Jeanne Rainey. She is a new employee for the Building Code Commission and she may at some point attend meetings in the absence of Ms. Gordon.

Mr. DeDentro said errata for the codes has been approved and was distributed to those attending meeting. Copies will be sent to those who were absent.

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Gagnon, seconded by Mr. Newbrook the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Board of Appeals

Members Present: R. Brown, A. Durand, D. Gagnon, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, J. Maloney, M. Stoeckel, J. Pagliaro.

Members Absent: B. Davey, J. Carlson, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, S. Turner, R. Stillings, R. DeBlois, J. Gaskell, P. DePace, L. Gemma, M. Lowenstein, D. Palmisciano, G. Preiss.

Staff Members Present: D. DeDentro, E. Gordon, T. Coffey
Staff Members Absent: None

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Staff Members Absent: None

The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday March 3, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room B, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.